



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **421-03312**

BY: **MR. ARYA (NEPEAN)**

DATE: **MARCH 19, 2019**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **GARY ANANDASANGAREE**

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Response by the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**National day**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

The Government would like to thank the petitioners for expressing their interest in declaring April 24 “National Human Values Day”, an official day dedicated to raising awareness of Canada’s commitment to human values by encouraging citizens to foster a climate that promotes, supports and celebrates “excellence in character” in their schools, businesses, homes and community-based organizations to strengthen families and communities in Canada and around the world.

The Government of Canada is proud to have supported numerous Private Member’s Bills and Motions, brought through by Members of Parliament and Senators, that have designated months and days of significance to Canadians. Bills such as Latin American Heritage Month, Jewish Heritage Month, and Sikh Heritage month came from grassroots communities through their Parliamentary representatives to receive Government support. The Department of Canadian Heritage is proud of its support and its efforts to promote Canadian heritage, multiculturalism and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Canadians currently observe a number of such non-governmental special times of recognition (such as those declared or promoted by non-governmental, non-profit, international, or private sector organizations, for example Mothers’ Day).

The Government of Canada congratulates the petitioners for their efforts in making this day an annual event that is now observed across the country.